

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) 496(a) PC [Possession of Stolen Property] 11364 H&S [Possess device for ingesting methamphetamine]

Report Number: 2015-14229

Coroner Number:

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Location: Highway 1 at Simpson Road Fort Bragg, CA

When: Date: 06-16-2015 **Time:** 5:30 PM

Victim Info :

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Victim #1:	People of the State			

Suspect Info:

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Suspect #1:	John Cooley Jr.	38		Fort Bragg, Ca

Written by: Lieutenant Greg Stefani

Synopsis:

On 06-13-2015 a person living on Caspar Orchard Road in Caspar, California reported to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office that during the night persons unknown had stolen 41 redwood split rails from the fencing along their private road.

The victim provided the Deputy investigating the theft with a description of the rails and the Deputy was also able to examine rails that had not been stolen.

The Deputy provided a description of the stolen property and details of the theft to other Mendocino County Deputy Sheriffs.

On 06-16-2015, at approximately 5:30 PM, another Deputy saw a black Dodge Durango loaded with redwood split rails parked alongside Highway 1 at the intersection of Simpson Lane.

The Deputy contacted the occupant of the vehicle, John Cooley Jr. and examined the redwood split rails. The redwood split rails matched those stolen both in dimension, appearance, and also in number stolen.

Cooley was detained and the victim was called to the scene and he positively identified the lumber as previously composing his fence. Cooley was also found to be in possession of a pipe for smoking methamphetamine.

The redwood split rails were seized, as was the methamphetamine smoking pipe.

Cooley was issued a citation for violation of 496 PC and 11364 H&S and released on his signed promise to appear in court.

Approved By: Captain Greg Van Patten

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